

**Ordinance 2005-02**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATION POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SOMERSET; PROVIDING FOR THE COORDINATION OF COURT ACTIVITIES TO MAINTAIN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE COURT SYSTEM AND TO OUTLINE FACTORS USED IN SCHEDULING COURT FUNCTIONS, AND THE DELEGATING OF THOSE DUTIES.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somerset finds a need to establish standard requirements and procedures for the Municipal Court Administration and has determined that it is necessary to adopt a policy regarding same; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somerset wishes to take all reasonable steps to ensure an effective and efficient Municipal Court operation; and

WHEREAS, General Law cities, such as the City of Somerset, possess the authority to set policies and procedures related to the Municipal Court operations for City of Somerset under its general police powers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somerset finds the procedures and policies contained in the policy attached are necessary to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens and public at large and to maintain an efficient and effective municipal court system; the City possesses the authority to control such activity; and, an ordinance regulating such activity serves a legitimate government interest and protects the general welfare and good order of the City of Somerset; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somerset finds it is in the best interests of the City of Somerset to implement a Municipal Court Administration policy as set forth in this ordinance;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET:**

The City Council for the City of Somerset hereby adopts the attached policy. The following provisions also apply to this Ordinance adopting a Municipal Court Administration Policy for the City of Somerset, Texas:

**Severability**


Severability is intended throughout and within the provisions of this Ordinance. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Conflicts (Repeal of Ordinances)**


All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FULL FORCE IMMEDIATELY UPON CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE PASSING SAID ORDINANCE.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 12th DAY OF APRIL 2005 BY AT LEAST A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SOMERSET, TEXAS.**

  
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FRED GONZALES, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk